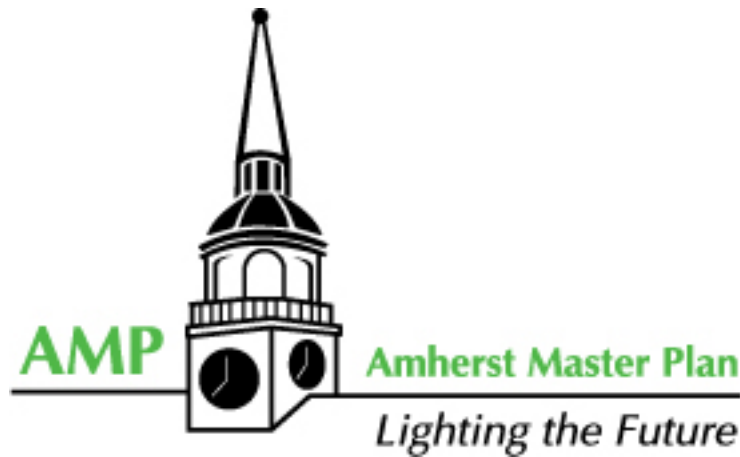


AMP: AMHERST MASTER PLAN LIGHTING THE FUTURE



SHORT(ER) VERSION OF VISION STATEMENT

Amherst will preserve its character, especially its small town feel, rural open land, New England colonial buildings and historic landscapes. Natural and historic resources will be connected with walking and biking paths. There will be more gathering places – for teens, for seniors, for the community-at-large in the form of centers as well as neighborhood parks. The Village and Village Green will be made more vital with activities and people. There will be more town-wide activities and recreational opportunities will be expanded to include all ages.

Transportation will be more efficient and safer by including such improvements as roads repairs, enforced speed limits, improved signage, and an expanded networks of walking and biking path as alternatives to driving and for recreation.

Growth will be controlled as will the aesthetics of both commercial and residential development to ensure that it is in keeping with Amherst's character. There will be a wide range of housing provided including smaller units affordable to elderly and young adults. The Town will explore ways of increasing the tax rate without negatively impacting Amherst's character. Resident participation in town governance will be increased.